This expenditure was not anticipated at the time the Council met last time. The decision to shift the High Court to the Sri Mulam buildings was taken only at a later day and this additional work had to be carried out at short notice during the vacation time. As a result of these changes, Government may be saving a sum of Rs. 500 per month in the shape of rents that are now being paid for certain buildings where some offices were conducted. I request that this sum may be granted.

ELECTIONS TO THE FOOD CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

President: Before proceeding with the Supplementary grants I have to inform the members of this House that two members have to be elected to a Committee which is proposed to be constituted in order to advise this Government on food control measures. The elections will be conducted to-day in the usual manner and it will be presided over by Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—Excise Rs. 500.

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*): I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 500 for the entertainment of additional staff for preventive work in the High Ranges. For some time past it was found necessary to strengthen the protective staff in view of the menace from the adjoining British Indian villages from where criminal tribes have been coming in and causing loss to Government revenue—both Customs and Forest Revenue. A joint patrol party composed of the Police, Forest and Excise staff has been functioning now for some time. There is a small armed reserve in the Excise Department. This was organised mainly for protecting tobacco revenue, by patrolling the Cochin frontier. Till now the men required in High Ranges have been found from this armed force. But it is not possible to take these men always without seriously affecting the tobacco revenue. So, it is necessary to have a special additional staff for the High Ranges patrol work. This sum is meant for the additional staff for the remaining months of this year. I request that the honourable House will be pleased to grant this amount.

The motion for the grant was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND III—Stamps—Rs. 30,850.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 30,850 under Demand No. III, Stamps for additional expenditure in connection with the printing and transmission of Stamp papers. The stamp revenue this year is nearly 1½ times that of last year and there is an abnormal demand for stamp papers, Larger quantities of these papers have therefore to be printed and supplied. This involves an additional expenditure

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